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Applicant hereby **appeals** to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the last decision of the Examiner.

The fee for this Notice of Appeal is (37 CFR 1.17(b)):

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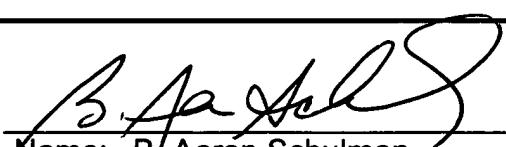
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A Petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) is enclosed.

In the event that a petition for an extension of time is required to be submitted herewith and that a separate petition is not submitted herewith, applicant hereby petitions under 37 CFR 1.136(a) for an extension of time of as many months as are required to render this submission timely. Any fee due in connection with this petition is authorized above.

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